IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/653823 Confirmation No. 4117

Applicant : Toshihiro Takeuchi Filed : September 3, 2003

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Examiner : Nahid Amiri

Title : FRAME JOINT STRUCTURE AND JOINING METHOD

THEREOF

Docket No. : SHM-14986 Customer No. : 040854

<u>AMENDMENT "F"</u>

(In response to Paper No./Mail Date 20071213)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated December 19, 2007. The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on March 19, 2008. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.